

# INVITATION TO BID

## Addendum # 2



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Finance and Business Operations Division  
**Procurement and Contract Services Section**  
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**ADDENDUM DATE:** January 20, 2006

ITB Title:	<b>Electrical/Electronic Supplies and Equipment</b>
ITB Number:	<b>ITB 05-148-ART</b>
Revised Due Date/Time:	<b>February 9, 2006 –2:00 P.M.</b>
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Notice is hereby given that the solicitation document cited above has been amended or revised. The revised or changed sections are more fully explained below.

Due Date/Time: The **Bid Opening Date has been moved forward 2 weeks** to February 9, 2006 – 2:00 PM

Section 1-14: **Delete Exhibit D – Contracting Opportunities Program**

Section 4-11 B: Warranty Term: **Delete** 12 months and **Add** 90 days minimum plus the maximum period offered by the item manufacturer

Section 4-12: Warranty Remedies: **Delete** 12 month period and **Add** 90 days minimum plus the maximum offered by the item manufacturer.

The following questions were raised at the Pre-Bid Conference held January 18, 2006, at 1:00 PM

- 1) Question: How will the awarded contracts be used by the County?  
Answer: Each of the County's agencies will have the ability to purchase using these contracts. Usage may include but not be limited to: maintenance of the Treatment Plants; maintenance and support of : County Facilities, King County Airport, Roads, Solid Waste, Information Technology Services, Transit buses, Trolleys, and Trolley Overhead.
- 2) Question: How may a bidder address the County's terms and conditions if in disagreement?  
Answer: A request to alter the County's Terms and Conditions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to bid opening. The County will respond to the requests in a timely manner. Do not address requested changes in your bid submittal. Please note the Bid Rule near the top of Exhibit A – Bid Pricing: "We acknowledge that attaching our terms or modifying the ITB terms may result in our bid being rejected."
- 3) Question: The bid document states that items purchased are to be warranted by the vendor against defects in material and workmanship for at least one year, and replaced free of charge if failure occurs before the year is completed. Why should a vendor provide a warranty greater than that offered by the manufacturer, which is on average only 90 days?  
Answer: Please note that the bid document language has been changed for Sections 4-11 Warranty Provisions, and Section 4-12 Warranty Remedies. The revised warranty period is: 90 days minimum plus the maximum offered by the item manufacturer.

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- 4) Question: Section 5-8 Buy America states that "...steel, iron and manufactured products ...are produced in the United States..." Most of our (bidders) products are not manufactured in the United States. How is a bidder to address this requirement?
- Answer: Please see Exhibit C – Buy America Certificate, top section, set within a triple boxed frame. By signing the section in the middle of the document, a bidder is certifying that it can not comply with the requirements. This is acceptable as it is believed that no firm will be able to certify that all items offered in their bid are Section 165(a) compliant. The County intends to request a waiver from the Federal Transit Administration for this Buy America requirement.
- 5) Question: In Section 1-14 Bid Requirements is listed "Exhibit D –Contracting Opportunities Program. Clicking on this link did not produce the form. Where may this form be obtained?
- Answer: This form link was included in error, and should be disregarded. The SEDB program is not applicable to this bid.
- 6) Question: What forms are required to be included with the Bid?
- Answer: The list of forms to include with the bid may be found in Section 1-14: a) The Cover page; b) the Contract page; c) Bid Pricing; and d) Buy America Certificate.
- 7) Question: If awarded a Contract, what additional forms / documents are required?
- Answer: After a Contract award, the forms / documents required may be found in Section 1-15. These forms need to be completed signed and submitted: a) Equal Benefit Worksheet and Declaration Form; b) Personnel Inventory Report; c) Affidavit and Certificate of Compliance Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity; d) Certificate of Lobbying Activities; e) Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying and Instruction; f) Certificate Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters – Primary Covered Transactions; and g) Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions.
- 8) Question: How will the bids be evaluated for Contract award?
- Answer: It is anticipated that there will be multiple Contract awards from this invitation to bid. Bid evaluation will consider the range of product diversity, location, quality of service, and the greatest savings through discount off of Catalog / manufacturers' List Price(s). However, unique product lines that no other bidder offers may qualify for a Contract award which would include all items offered on the bid.
- 9) Question: How will items not listed on the bid be handled, if they are later added to the Catalog?
- Answer: Items added to an updated catalog that were included within a category / range of products on the original bid, will use the discount offered off of the ITB's catalog / manufacturers' list price(s).
- 10) Question: How will commodities which have volatile pricing, such as copper, steel and PVC piping be handled, where pricing may change hourly?
- Answer: This invitation to bid concerns catalog / manufacturers' list prices. Bidders may choose to offer a discount from catalog or manufacturers' list and exclude certain products or sections from the discount offered on the rest of the catalog. Catalog discounts shall remain stable throughout the life of the contract, and apply to a new catalog when issued. Bidders may choose to exclude items which have volatile pricing in the bidder's response.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Terhune, [alan.terhune@metrokc.gov](mailto:alan.terhune@metrokc.gov), (206) 684-1067, or FAX (206) 684-1470

This Addendum #2 shall be attached to and made part of ITB 05-148-ART.

Note: This Addendum is available on the Internet at [http://www.metrokc.gov/procurement/rfp\\_rfq\\_itb/new\\_goods.aspx](http://www.metrokc.gov/procurement/rfp_rfq_itb/new_goods.aspx).